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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 119

Introduced by Assembly Member Chiu

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January 15, 2016

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 119—Relative to Physician Anesthesiologist Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 119, as amended, Chiu. Physician Anesthesiologist Week.

This measure would designate the week of January 31, 2016, to February 6, 2016, inclusive, as Physician Anesthesiologist Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Annually in the United States, more than 100
- 2 million operations and procedures are performed with anesthesia,
- 3 and physician anesthesiologists play a critical role in a patient's

1 well-being before, during, and after surgical procedures and make
2 patient safety their top priority; and

3 WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists have the highest levels
4 of training and must complete between 12,000 and 16,000 hours
5 of training prior to practicing independently; and

6 WHEREAS, Physician anesthesiologists have been leaders in
7 patient safety and cited as the only medical specialty to have
8 significantly improved patient safety; and

9 WHEREAS, A physician anesthesiologist's duties include
10 evaluating a patient's current health prior to receiving anesthesia
11 to ensure the best outcome, administering anesthesia, monitoring
12 the patient during surgery, and assessing the patient after the
13 procedure is completed; and

14 WHEREAS, This spectrum of patient care constitutes the
15 perioperative surgical home, which the American Society of
16 Anesthesiologists has identified as an innovative model in patient
17 care where the physician anesthesiologist directs the anesthesia
18 care team to provide support to the patient throughout all aspects
19 of surgical care and procedures; and

20 WHEREAS, There is up to a 20-percent reduction in adverse
21 events when physician anesthesiologists lead the anesthesia care
22 team; and

23 WHEREAS, The American Medical Association completed a
24 public opinion survey that concluded 70 percent of patients want
25 a physician to administer and monitor anesthesia levels; and

26 WHEREAS, Anesthesia is safer than ever before, yet there
27 remains potential for complications and side effects during
28 procedures, and physician anesthesiologists have the training and
29 expertise to help minimize these risks, monitor for any problems,
30 and take quick action; and

31 WHEREAS, During surgeries or procedures, when seconds
32 count, physician anesthesiologists have the highest degree of
33 training to respond to emergencies and ensure the best patient
34 outcomes; and

35 WHEREAS, The California Society of Anesthesiologists is a
36 physician organization with over 3,000 members dedicated to
37 promoting the highest standards of the profession of
38 anesthesiology, fostering excellence through continuing medical
39 education, and serving as an advocate for anesthesiologists and
40 their patients; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
2 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
3 week of January 31, 2016, to February 6, 2016, inclusive, as
4 Physician Anesthesiologist Week; and be it further
5 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
6 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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